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1. Between 11 and 23 June 1951, and increase in the size of the officer corps of Unit No 175 by about 30 officers to a total of about 180 was observed. Five or six colonels of this unit, including the chief of staff, were detached to the U.S.S.R. on 10 June for a period of several weeks. From 20 - 28 June, the unit received several shipments of recruits, who started basic training. The unit of Colonel Shuk

had arrived from Oranienburg

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(1) A division headquarters was located in 5 or 6 low wooden barracks which, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence, were located about 100 meters west of the camp of [Redacted] Since the German employees working there came from Oranienburg, [Redacted] the home station of the division headquarters was Oranienburg. (2) An improvised airfield, at which 2 or 3 single-engine biplanes were occasionally observed, was located near the divisional headquarters. The Burgwall area, adjoining the airfield to the west, was occupied by other units, apparently including units from Potsdam because the Germans employed with the units had come from Potsdam. (3) The unit in the Kanneburg area allegedly had its home station at Eberswalde. (4) Cigar-shaped captive balloons carrying a basket were seen east of the camp, in the direction of Storkow.

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[Redacted] the troops shifted from a day schedule to the night schedule. Gunfire was repeatedly heard at night. Troops were seen stringing and removing telephone lines. [Redacted] officers were intensively engaged in composing written essays. Only a very few soldiers went on furlough recently. Captain [Redacted] Semenov stated that his leave request, which was originally granted, had been cancelled. The commanding officer [Redacted] did not return from leave by 28 June. Security measures were intensified recently.

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2. With the exception of the singing of troops and the occasional noise of motors, no sounds indicating training activity were heard from the Hammelspring area on 14 June. A biplane arrived at the training area from a northerly direction at about 10:10 p.m. and circled over the camp at an altitude of about 150 meters. When a red-green signal flare was fired from the camp, the aircraft turned and went north. Trucks

hauled troops from the camp towards the Templin railroad station at about 10 p.m. Two tank majors, 2 artillery officers, 4 officers bearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, 12 infantry officers and about 180 men with red-bordered black epaulets were subsequently seen at the railroad station.

About 40 trucks and 7 JS tanks were noticed in the southeastern section of Camp Hammelspring on 15 June. Troops practicing in this section included: about 250 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and submachine guns, who conducted a practice attack under the supervision of a lieutenant colonel and a major; about 40 men were drilling with five mortars; about 15 men who practiced with two 76.2-mm AT guns; 8 men who practiced with four portable radio sets; and about 500 men who received training with machine guns, semaphore flags and trenching tools etc. in units of various strengths. All troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only a little activity was noticed in the same training area on 19 June. However, individual reports of guns, and machine gun, and rifle fire was heard from the troop training grounds proper. Materiel observed in the camp included: 25 to 30 canvas-covered tanks, apparently model JS; 80 to 100 trucks; and 8 to 10 x 76.2-mm AT guns. A cigar-shaped captive balloon, held by guy ropes, about 10 meters above the ground at a place about 500 meters southwest of the camp. Three trucks and four tents were seen near the balloon.

3. The following troops and materiel arrived between 20 and 27 June:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unloading Station</u>	<u>Personnel or Materiel</u>
20 June	Vogelsang	8 boxcar loads of recruits
	Hammelspring	5 boxcarloads of recruits
21 June	Vogelsang	6 boxcarloads of recruits
	Hammelspring	5 boxcarloads of recruits
	Zehdenick	2 SU-249 SP guns which left for Camp Vogelsang
22 June	Zehdenick	6 tanks, probably JS-2s, which left for Camp Vogelsang

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Unloading Station</u>	<u>Personnel or Materiel</u>
25 June	Vogelsang	5 boxcarloads of recruits
	Zehdenick	6 carloads of ammunition which, according to railroad shipping document, were dispatched from Jueterbog on 20 June
	Zehdenick	3 T-34 tanks which left for Camp Vogelsang
	Hammelspring	1 refrigerator carload of bacon and 3 refrigerator carloads of boxed goods
27 June	Hammelspring	12 boxcarloads of recruits. (6)

4. Truck [ ] occupied by 16 officers with map cases and surveying rods, passed through Zehdenick and proceeded toward Ribbeck on 20 June. A column of four T-34 tanks were observed on the roads in the Storkow area during the night of 23 June. A convoy which passed through Zehdenick toward Camp Vogelsang at about 11 p.m. on 26 June consisted of 28 motorcycles with three soldiers each, 2 personnel carriers with 12 soldiers each, and 4 trucks [ ] and carrying about 15 men each. Five T-34 tanks, [ ] were seen moving through Zehdenick on 28 June, coming from the direction of the camp and proceeding toward the Exin Woods. (?) Two captive balloons were repeatedly seen in the air east of the Vogelsang-Hammelspring road. [ ]

[ ] Comments.

- (1) Probably the 162d Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div, stationed in Oranienburg.
- (2) The Hq 25th Tank Div from Oranienburg is probably located west of the camp quartering the 175th Tank Regt, and can thus be considered confirmed until 23 June 1951.
- (3) Two troop trains left Satzborn for Hammelspring on 20 April 1951. [ ] The troops mentioned in the present report were probably headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz.
- (4) Probably Camp Hammelspring, which according to periodic reports, quarters components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
- (5) [ ] Captain M. Semenov is known as the supply officer of the 33d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt.
- (6) [ ] A total of 49 boxcarloads of recruits arrived at the Templin training area between 13 and 27 June 1951, according to the reference report and the present report.

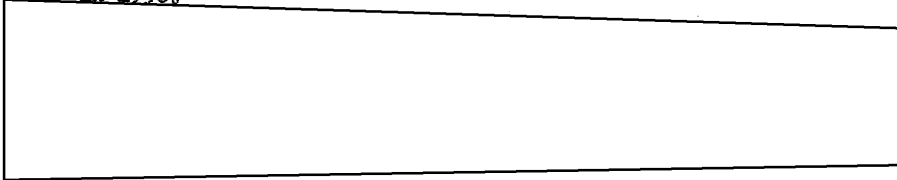
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(7) The area south of Zehdenick was used for field training also  
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